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CAPE TOWN  
FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJ: RHODESIA: PRELIMINARY ZAMBIAN REACTION TO CONFERENCE  
PROPOSAL

REF: (A) STATE 60429, (B) STATE 61892, (C) STATE 62020

1. MARK CHONA INFORMED ME THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA WAS  
ALL TIED UP AND ASKED THAT BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER  
ALLINSON AND I BRIEF HIM ON OUR INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRANSMISSION  
TO THE PRESIDENT. WE DID SO, BASED ON OUR INSTRUCTIONS WHICH  
BRITISH HAD RECEIVED. CHONA GAVE HIS PRELIMINARY REACTIONS AND  
SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS IT WITH THE PRESIDENT AND BE BACK  
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IN TOUCH WITH US TOMORROW.

2. CHONA'S GENERAL REACTION WAS FAVORABLE TO OUR PROPOSAL.  
SO LONG AS THE TAKE OFF POINT FOR THE MEETING WOULD BE THE  
PRINCIPLES OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSAL, HE DID NOT THINK  
THE PRESIDENT WOULD HAVE ANY DIFFICULTY WITH THE  
SUGGESTION. HE NOTED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD HAVE TO

AGREE TO ALLOW SMITH INTO THE COUNTRY AND ASKED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF ANY OF THE PARTIES REFUSED TO ATTEND. IF THIS FAILED WHAT WOULD WE DO, HE ASKED. WE REPLIED THAT OUR PROPOSAL WAS AN EFFORT TO MEET THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. WE COULD NOT PROJECT BEYOND THAT. THE POINT OF THE CONFERENCE WAS TO GET THE TWO SIDES TOGETHER. WE SAID THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT THE MATTER AGAIN IF PARTIES REFUSED TO ATTEND, BUT WE DID NOT RULE OUT MOVING AHEAD ANYWAY.

3. WE URGED THAT THE PRESIDENT MAKE HIS SUPPORT FOR THE IDEA KNOWN TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND PARTICULARLY TO JOSHUA NKOMO. CHONA PROTESTED THAT ZAMBIA'S ROLE WAS THAT OF ADVISOR OR ASSISTANT, BUT WHEN WE CHIDED HIM SLIGHTLY ON TAKING A BACKGROUND ROLE ON AN ISSUE IN WHICH ZAMBIAN TERRITORY, ECONOMY AND POLITICAL HEALTH WERE INVOLVED, HE ACCEPTED THAT ZAMBIA'S VOICE WAS AN INFLUENTIAL ONE.  
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